

### **REMARKS**

Applicants thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowability of claims 9-12, 15-18, 19-23, and 24-28. Applicants also thank the Examiner for the indication that claim 33 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants have canceled claims 1, 2, and 4-8, so that claims 1-8 are now canceled without prejudice. Applicants have also canceled claim 33 without prejudice and have incorporated the limitation thereof into independent claim 29 from which claim 33 previously depended. Applicants respectfully assert that claim 29 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 30-37 depend from claim 29 and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 29. Accordingly, claims 9-12, 15-32, and 34-37 are presently pending in this application. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. Nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

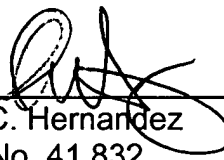
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If the Examiner has any questions regarding the foregoing, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned so that any such matters may be promptly resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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